During 1998-99, Rs. 0.60 crores has been utilised under plan and Rs. 161.20 crores has been utilised under non plan.

(d) Continuous steps are being taken from time to time as per the requirement for the improvement of working efficiency of the DMS.

**Running of Private Schools by Scientists of IARI**

2645. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two scientists of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi are running a public school, Faith Academy, in Prasad Nagar, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether these Government officials have been officially allowed to work in the said school as Manager and Chairman of the Management Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Dr. A. V. N. Paul, National Fellow and Dr. D.V.K. Samuel, Senior Scientist working at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute are serving in the management of the school, Faith Academy which is run by a charitable registered society, called Christian Educational Society.

(b) Faith Academy is run by a charitable society for a social cause. Being members of the Christian minority, Dr. A.V.N. Paul and Dr. D.V.K. Samuel have been nominated by Christian Educational Society to serve as Honorary Manager and Honorary Chairman of the Managing Committee purely on honorary basis during their free time. As per rule 15(2) of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, previous sanction is not required to take part in the registration or management (not involving the holding of an elective office) of a literary, scientific or charitable society or of a club or similar organisation.

**Concessions to Punjab Farmers**

2646. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the concessions and assistance being made available to the farmers of the State of Punjab;

(b) the amount of such concessions and assistance made available during the last three years;

(c) whether Government, are considering to enhance this amount; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) The amount of Central assistance provided to Punjab under various Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation during the last three years is given below:

(*Rs. in crore*)

| Year | Amount released |
|---|---|
| 1996-97 | 31.13 |
| 1997-98 | 25.39 |
| 1998-99 (upto 31.12.98) | 20.57 |

Funds for the current year, i.e. 1999-2000 would be released on the basis of proposals received from the State, amount lying unspent out of earlier releases made, overall allocation of the Department, etc.

**Production of Wheat**

2647. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of total production of wheat this year;

(b) whether Government have made adequate arrangements for storage of wheat so that plenty does not become a problem;